

in some of the most respectable countries of continental Europe, nor have I ever heard of one in which it was not. How it is among our savage neighbors, who have no law but that of nature, we all know. (To Dr. John Manners, 1817. C.

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EXPATRIATION.—I hold the right of expatriation to be inherent in every man by the laws of nature, and incapable of being rightly taken from him even by the united will of every other person in the nation. If the laws have provided no particular mode by which the right of expatriation may be exercised, the individual may do it by any effectual and unequivocal act or declaration. The laws of Virginia have provided a mode; Mr. Cooper is said to have exercised his right solemnly and exactly according to that mode, and to have departed from the Commonwealth; whereupon the law declares that "he shall thenceforth be deemed no citizen." Returning afterwards he returns an alien, and must proceed to make himself a citizen if he desires it, as every other alien does. At present he can hold no lands, receive nor transmit any inheritance, nor enjoy any other right peculiar to a citizen.

The general government has nothing to do with this question. Congress may by the Constitution "establish an uniform rule of naturalization," that is, by what rule an alien may become a citizen. But they cannot take from the citizen his natural right of divesting himself of the character of a citizen by expatriation. (To Albert Gallatin, 1806. F. VIII., 458.)

KXPEISTSES OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.—It is just the members of the General Assembly, delegated by the people to transact for them the legislative business, should, while attending that business, have their reasonable sustenance defrayed; \* \* \* and it is expedient that the public councils should not be deterred from entering into them by the insufficiency of their private fortunes to be the extraordinary expenses they must necessarily incur. (From a Bill giving members of the Assembly an adequate allowance, 1778. F. II., 165.)

FARMER.—An industrious farmer occupies a more dignified place in the scale of beings, whether moral or political, than